GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Employment Opportunities for Differently Abled Persons
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

a) whether employment opportunities for the differently abled/physically challenged persons have increased during the last three years and the current year;
b) if so, the details thereof; and
c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the measures taken by the Government in this regard?.

Answer

MINSTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI SHRI KRISHNA PAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b): In order to create employment opportunities for Persons with Disabilities through self employment, financial assistance is provided to them through National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC), a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Department of Persons with Disabilities. The number of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) availing such assistance during the last three years which is on an increasing trend and the current year is given below:-

Year No. of PwDs
2012-13 13296
2013-14 13312
2014-15 14703
2015-16
(as on 15.10.2015) 8129

(c): Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) & (b) above.